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WEEK DAYS											
		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...	Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.29	7.10		
Yau-mat...	Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.26	4.44	5.38	7.19		
Shatin...	Dep.	7.02	9.26	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.51	7.31		
Tai-po...	Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.08	6.03	7.44		
Tai-po Market...	Dep.	7.21	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	5.13	6.08	7.48		
Fanning...	Dep.	7.33	10.03	11.18	12.48	2.03	5.24	6.19	7.59		
Shungshui...	Dep.	7.38	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	5.28	6.23	8.02		
Shungshui...	Arr.	7.42	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	5.34	6.29	8.08		
Shungshui...	Dep.	7.21	8.05	10.33	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13	6.08		
Shungshui...	Dep.	7.28	8.12	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20	6.15		
Fanning...	Dep.	7.32	8.16	10.40	11.41	3.11	4.28	5.24	6.19		
Tai-po...	Dep.	7.42	8.26	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34	6.29		
Tai-po Market...	Dep.	7.46	8.30	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38	6.33		
Tai-po...	Dep.	7.59	8.43	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.51	6.46		
Shatin...	Dep.	8.12	8.55	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.03	6.58		
Yau-mat...	Dep.	8.20	9.03	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.16	6.11	7.06		
Kowloon...	Arr.	8.20	9.03	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.16	6.11	7.06		
SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS											
		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...	Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.22	4.39	5.29	7.10		
Yau-mat...	Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.21	4.51	5.38	7.19		
Shatin...	Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.24	4.51	5.51	7.31		
Tai-po...	Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.26	5.05	6.05	7.44		
Tai-po Market...	Dep.	7.21	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.30	5.09	6.09	7.48		
Fanning...	Dep.	7.33	10.03	11.18	12.48	1.31	5.20	6.20	7.59		
Shungshui...	Dep.	7.38	10.07	11.22	12.52	1.34	5.24	6.24	8.02		
Shungshui...	Arr.	7.42	10.13	11.28	12.58	1.38	5.31	6.30	8.08		
Shungshui...	Dep.	8.12	10.33	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.40	6.08			
Shungshui...	Dep.	8.19	10.45	11.51	3.07	4.24	5.46	6.15			
Fanning...	Dep.	8.23	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.51	6.20			
Tai-po...	Dep.	8.33	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	6.01	6.30			
Tai-po Market...	Dep.	8.37	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	6.05	6.34			
Tai-po...	Dep.	8.43	11.10	12.21	3.38	4.55	6.18	6.47			
Shatin...	Dep.	8.54	11.21	12.31	3.50	5.07	6.30	6.59			
Yau-mat...	Dep.	9.03	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.07	6.30	6.59			
Kowloon...	Arr.	9.11	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.15	6.38	7.07			

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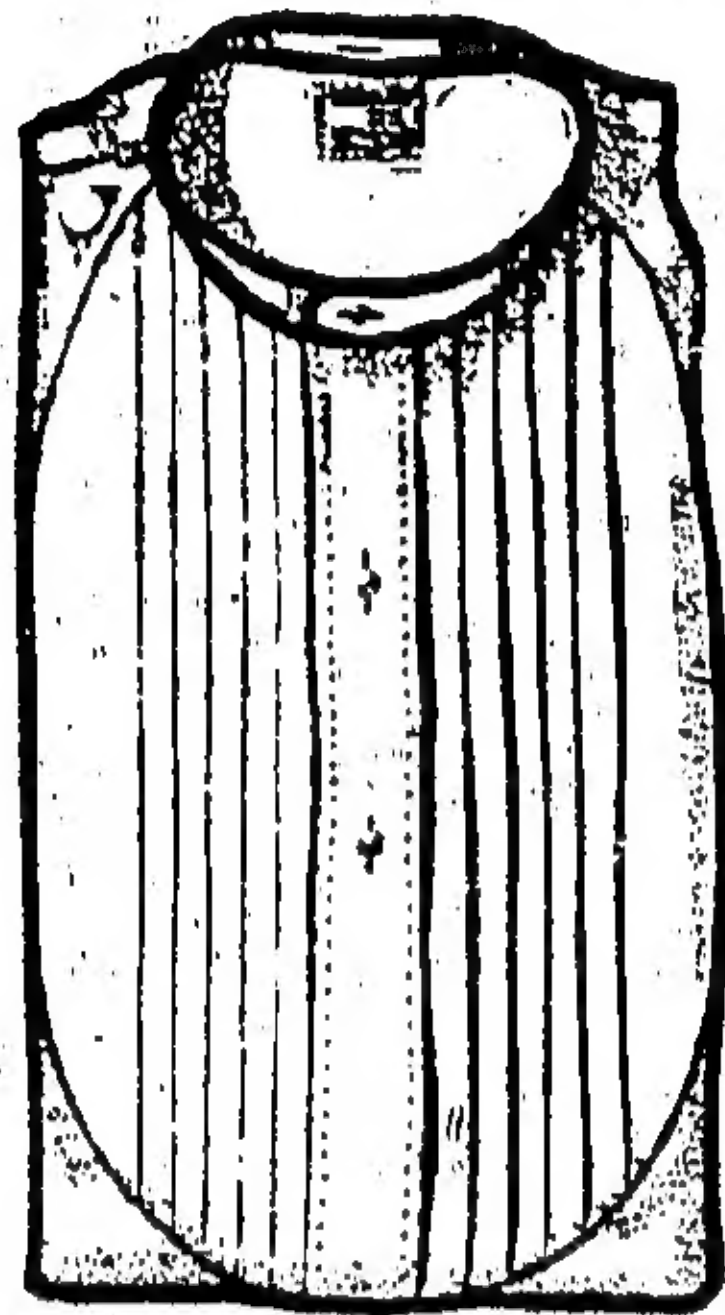
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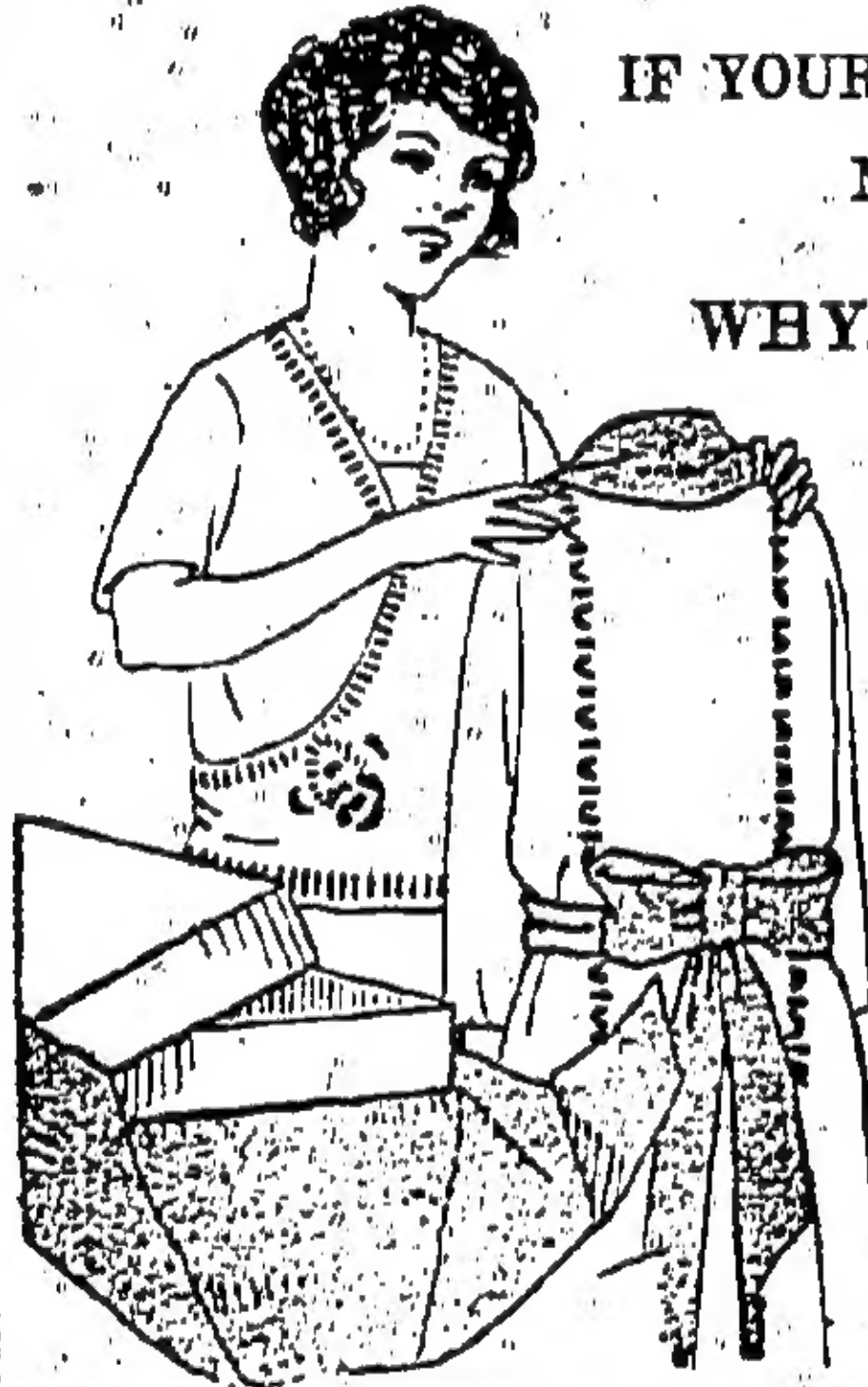
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CHINESE NOTES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The second national convention of the Kuomintang Political Party, which was to have been held in Canton on August 15th, has been postponed to November 15th.

CHINESE HERBS SCARCE.

Chinese in the Straits and other ports still depend on Chinese medicinal herbs to relieve their ailments, and the shortage of Chinese drugs due to the troubles in Canton and Hongkong and the lack of shipping facilities is being greatly felt in those places. Raw materials for the preparation of Chinese drugs, usually come to Hongkong from other provinces, mostly Szechuan, and are then reshipped to Canton. Prices of unprepared herbs, since the strike, have jumped in some cases nearly 100 per cent.

SHAMEN EMPLOYEES.

According to information received by the Bureau of Public Safety in Canton, the foreign firms in Shamen have announced that their Chinese employees must return to their work by August 15th or they will be discharged. The report adds that the gates at the entrance to Shamen will be re-opened by that time.

OPIMUM MONOPOLY.

For the next four years, according to order No. 85 of the Kuomintang Government in Canton, the opium traffic will remain a Government monopoly in Kwangtung. The Commissioner of Commerce of the Kuomintang in Canton has denied, however, that the sale of opium will also be made a Government monopoly.

CANTON-SAMSHUI RAILWAY.

Traffic on the Canton-Samshui Railway has been suspended since August 8th, owing to a strike in the locomotive department of the company.

CHINESE Y.M.C.A. CONFERENCE.

Despite the disturbances in Canton and vicinity, the students conference of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. of Canton and Hongkong will be held as previously announced, at Peak Hok Tung, Canton, from August 21st to 28th. From the list of applicants wishing to attend the conference, it would appear that the present excitement among certain students regarding Christian activities is not affecting those identified with the Church.

ROUND-THE-WORLD SAIL.

GERMAN SEAMAN'S FURTHER
EXPERIENCES.

Last month Captain Otto Karl Fritz Prahl, with his companions, left Hongkong in continuance of their attempted voyage around the world in a small boat, having left Shanghai, their starting point, on June 7th. When they left Hongkong they sailed for Manila there to effect repairs which could not be done in Hongkong owing to the strike situation at that time.

The *Manila Bulletin* of last Saturday reports on these adventures as under:—Adventure! This word sums up the voyage of a German round-the-world sailing vessel which was found near the shore of barrio Langsat, San Fernando, La Union, last Monday afternoon by constabulary officers and soldiers.

Starting from Shanghai on June 7, under the direction of Captain Otto Karl Fritz Prahl, the boat with Emil Euler and Emil Schmiering as crew, traversed the rough seas and made port at Swatow, China, June 19th. After six days at the port, it proceeded on its round-the-world cruise, arriving at Hongkong June 20th.

Here began a new tale. Emil Euler, after having been nearly drowned in the China Sea, refused to continue the voyage. To the delight of Captain Otto, who had lost all hope of circumnavigating the world, Richard W. Lofstedt, an American adventurer, came to the rescue and helped the German "sea dogs" paddle their canoe.

Attracted by the lure of an island territory in the far east, and desirous of showing to the world that it is as safe to go around the earth in a small sailing vessel as in a luxurious and comfortable ocean liner, Captain Otto braved rough seas to reach Manila. The boat sailed from Hongkong on July 21st. A heavy gale caught them 60 miles off the coast of northern Luzon and the top mast of the vessel was blown down. The boat was helpless but the wind carried it near the shore at barrio Langsat, San Fernando, La Union, last Sunday and a safe anchorage was found.

The vessel is about 30 feet long, equipped with sails and paddles. It sailed last Sunday for Manila and is expected to make port here next week.

LATE MR. J. E. FEATHERSTON.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO-DAY.

In connection with the death of Mr. Joseph E. Featherston, Canadian Emigration Commissioner for Hongkong and South China, who died suddenly at Kingsclere, Kowloon, on Wednesday afternoon, we are asked to state that a memorial service will be held at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, at 5 p.m. to-day. The service will be conducted by the Rev. J. H. Johnston, B.A.

RETURNING STRIKERS.

CHINESE REPORTER QUESTIONS
OFFICIAL.

Reassuring statements to the Chinese were made by Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, when he was interviewed at Police Headquarters on Wednesday afternoon by a reporter representing the vernacular Press.

The reporter pointed out that rumours had been circulated giving the impression that strikers returning to Hongkong were harshly dealt with by the Police, such rumours causing workers to refrain from coming back for fear of getting into trouble. An assurance was sought and given. Mr. King said that during the last fortnight several hundreds had returned to the Colony, this number including skilled labour. After the usual investigation and when *bona fides* was proved, the returning men were not only given liberty but protection was also extended to them, said Mr. King.

In the interests of peace, great care had to be exercised in examining people who came here, such examination being to prevent agitators getting in to create trouble or an unsettled feeling. Enquiries had to be made, but men detained from incoming ships were not manacled when they were taken up to the detective offices to be questioned. Should satisfaction be given by pointing out an employer, or a shop, or by giving a guarantee, those detained were released.

The reporter also asked about the procedure adopted in sending idlers from the Colony in view of rumours having been heard that deportees were put ashore at Chik Wan (which is just beyond Deep Bay, in Chinese territory and a good distance from Canton) because whole batches had been refused admittance into Canton by the authorities up there.

Mr. King replied that no such thing had ever occurred. Owing to the vessels on which deportees were sent away not going alongside wharves at Canton, idlers had to be put ashore in rowing boats; hence arose the Chik Wan rumour—as a matter of fact, no batch had been sent back by Canton, added Mr. King, as quoted by the vernacular papers.

Mr. King also said that the Police had heard of wild stories about agitators who were bent on getting into Hongkong and creating trouble. Accordingly the Police had exercised the greatest care in supervising the arrival of people from other places.

ANOTHER POLICE RAID.

WESTERN DISTRICT SEARCHED.

Another successful raid in connection with the campaign against "idlers" was carried out by the police, assisted by military yesterday morning.

The scene of this latest search was in the Western district and the raid was carried out in an area between Eastern Street, Centre Street, First Street and Second Street, all at West Point and in the neighbourhood of the Government Civil Hospital.

No arms were discovered during the course of the search.

Captain Drake-Brockman was in charge of the detachment from the 1st Battalion, The East Surrey Regiment, which drew a cordon around the area of the raid while the police searched the houses. The police were under the Captain-Superintendent of Police (Mr. P. P. J. Wedderburn, C.I.E.), the Director of Criminal Intelligence (Mr. T. H. King), the D.S.P. (Mr. D. Burlingham), and the Chief Detective Inspector (Mr. J. Grant).

The arrests made totalled 64, but many of these were able to give satisfactory explanations for being found in the houses and were released. A number, however, were detained for further inquiry.

MARINE COURT.

ASSAULT CASE WITHDRAWN.

Before Lieut.-Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court yesterday, Sun Ah Chi, a stoker on the *s.s. Empress of Asia*, was charged by Mr. W. T. Kiney, Staff-Captain on the *Empress of Asia*, on two counts: (a) that being a seaman engaged on board the *s.s. Empress of Asia*, he unlawfully disobeyed the lawful orders of the staff-captain of the vessel on August 12th; and (b) that he unlawfully assaulted the staff-captain on board the *Empress of Asia*.

Mr. W. T. Kiney having proceeded to Manila by the *Empress of Asia*, which left Hongkong on Wednesday, Captain W. Davison, R.N.R., Marine Superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Co., applied that the case might be withdrawn and that the defendant might be repatriated to Shanghai at the expense of C.P.S.S. Co.

The Harbour Master allowed this, and the case was accordingly withdrawn.

TRAMS GUARDED.

The police authorities have now special men detailed for guard duty on the trams. These men are Indians who prior to the strike were guards on the river steamers. There are also a few Chinese constables in plain clothes from the detective department.

These precautions have been taken in view of the explosion which occurred on one of the trams on Tuesday.

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After a period of four years' constant daily running without being out of action once, the big No. 1. Albion motor ambulance, housed at the Central Fire Station, was taken across the harbour yesterday afternoon to the Kowloon-Canton Railway Company's workshops to be thoroughly overhauled.

Supplied in August 1921, this ambulance has done excellent service on the Hongkong side and has more than repaid its initial price by reason of the almost negligible cost of its upkeep. It has now gone for a well-deserved holiday and complete renovation after its wear and tear of the last four years.

An analysis of the number of miles this ambulance has travelled in the course of its first six years' work and the number of cases removed prove its worth. It has been on the road every day since it was supplied on August 23rd, 1921, and from that date until the end of 1921, it travelled 1,820 miles and dealt with 220 cases. In 1922, the mileage covered was 8,216, with 902 cases; in 1923, the mileage was 8,945 and the number of cases 1,421; in 1924, the mileage was 12,413, and the number of cases 1,675. From the beginning of this year up to August 12th the total number of miles covered has been 6,872 and the number of cases carried is 812. The total number of miles covered by the ambulance in the four years since it was supplied has been 36,266 and the total number of cases carried during that period totals 5,130. This works out at an average mileage covered per day of 20 odd miles; while the average number of cases per day works out at 3.2.

The biggest wear has been on the tyres of the ambulance, and after four years running the upholstery and minor things such as fittings etc., need attention.

The charge made for the use of the ambulance is a fixed one of \$3 per case, no matter what the distance. To take the place of the No. 1 ambulance, the small Austin ambulance at Kowloon has been transferred to this side and is housed at the Central Fire Station.

LOST HIS PAINTERS.

SEVEN MEN SPIRITED OVER
THE BORDER.

A contractor on the Kowloon-Canton Railway, was bemoaning the loss of seven Chinese painters yesterday morning. It appears that a party of eight men was employed painting the under structure of the British section of the railway bridge at Lowu.

Either by force or cajolery, Chinese soldiers, guarding the border, are alleged to have enticed seven of them to cross into Chinese territory. The eighth man of the party returned to tell the tale. When seen by a *Daily Press* representative, yesterday, the contractor was in hopes that his missing men would return none the worse for their experience.

CORRESPONDENCE.

H.M.S. "TUNG ON."

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—I note with much satisfaction from your issue of the 3rd inst., that H.M.S. *Tung On* will possibly shortly make a special trip to Swatow with provisions and stores.

This trip, if carried out, will be a God-send, seeing that now-a-days steamers are few and far between. Surely we can do with one more extra sailing for this port, especially by a boat flying the White Ensign which will have a moral effect on the strikers.

I venture to suggest and ask, if the H.M.S. *Tung On* can be spared, that she should call here regularly, say once a week or so after her maiden voyage, for the express purpose of carrying mails and passengers and provisions. The *Hydrangea*, which used to put in an appearance twice a week, now pops in once a week for reasons which no one knows. The running of the H.M.S. *Tung On* would do much to supplement the curtailed service of the *Hydrangea*, to the bitter disgust of the strikers.

A first class single fare to Hongkong by the *Hydrangea* now costs one \$35 (against pre-strike rate of \$17). Even deck passengers must pay \$25 each in addition to the regular fare of \$1—Yours, etc.,

LOYAL.

Swatow, August 4th.

LOCAL SPORT.

BASEBALL.

JAPANESE vs. FILIPINOS.

In a Baseball League game, played on the Happy Valley diamond last evening, between the Japanese and Filipinos, the former won by 20 runs to 9. In the first inning, the Japanese obtained 10 runs before a single man was out. In the last inning seven men crossed the plate.

The teams were:—

JAPANESE.		FILIPINOS.
Y. Hachimi	c.	G. Sanchez
Honda	3b.	Leonard
S. Hachimi	s.s.	Tecson
Uno	1b.	Silos
Akayama	r.f.	J. Sanchez
Takemami	c.f.	Crux
Yokai	l.f.	Rull
Kanoh	2b.	Francisco
Ishimatsu	p.	Angeles

The scores by innings were as follows:—

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Japanese	10	1	0	2	7	—	—	—	—
Filipinos	3	0	2	4	2	—	—	—	—

PROPERTY SALE.

At the China Auction Rooms, No. 4, Duddell Street, yesterday afternoon, Mr. F. V. M. de Souza, auctioneer, offered for sale three properties situated at Yau-mah and Sham-shui-Po. The first lot was withdrawn. The second lot was knocked down to Mr. Fung-Po at \$24,500. The third lot was knocked down to Mr. Choy In for \$6,500.

BOYCOTT OF THE BRITISH IN SWATOW.

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WATER SUPPLIES TO SHIPPING CUT-OFF.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

General conditions are unchanged as also is the general situation. The strike headquarters Committee appear to have tightened their grip on the many classes of workers and the slackening in the strike which was half-expected at the end of July has not come about. I hear that on account of energetic propaganda the feeling amongst the Chinese servants and seamen is very bitter against us and that in spite of their beggarly allowance of 20 cents a day they are in no hurry to return to work.

COMPLETE ISOLATION.

Stores have been denied to the U.S.S. *Siamensis* because she continues to assist the British. (It is reported that the U.S. Consul has taken the matter up strongly with the authorities, but without getting satisfaction.) Communication between Chinese and British residents is practically an impossibility. The Bond and main roads being well picketed and all houses closely watched. On Wednesday, the 5th inst., the compradors of British houses have to quit (they were given 7 months to settle up their accounts) and with this last gesture of the Strike Committee goes the only remaining connecting link between British business in Swatow and its Chinese clientele.

With the possible exception of Canton, of which Swatow is but a vassalage as it were, I do not think any port has suffered as we have under so determined an effort to break up and destroy British business interests. The fact that the chief governing authority here is actively Bolshevik has been largely responsible for this disgraceful state of affairs. Those of us who know something of the Chinese mercantile community here, are tolerably certain that, were it not for fear of heavy fines and confiscation of stocks, the merchants and dealers who are now boycotting us would clear their outstanding liabilities to us and return to business to-morrow.

SUSPICIONING THE STRIKE.

It is on very rare occasions that a point of international commercial morality becomes a subject of discussion in our small business circles. Yet here we have a complete ready-made case and I will leave it to your readers for argument. Since the beginning of the strike, Butterfield & Swire and Jardine have had no sailings to Bangkok. After a week or two, without opportunity for emigration offering, there had collected in the various coolie hongs 2,000 to 3,000 emigrants. These were taken down to Bangkok in three steamers flying the flag of a European country; and it is reported that the owners (or their agents in Swatow) paid to the Strike Committee \$2,000 per vessel in order to be allowed to load cargo and take passengers. If true this would at best seem to be an unfriendly action, for it means in effect, that these steamers are supplying the strikers with funds to continue their anti-British boycott campaign. Furthermore, if this alleged payment has taken place, is it not possible for the Hongkong Authorities to take some kind of action in the matter? [Ed. Note: Reference was made to this subject in the *Daily Press* of August 3rd, but we are informed that nothing practical can be done.]

While on the subject of steamers I might also mention that the *Bintang* which used to be consigned to a British firm here, Messrs. John Mannes & Co., is now consigned to a Chinese concern—Po Ling & Co.

WUAMPOA CADETS.

Politically there is little to write about. Hung Chao Lin's star is waning and I believe his representative has cleared out, leaving the "Reds" in sole undisputed possession. A force of Whampoa Cadets is supposed to be hovering about near Kityang but no definite news of their movements is obtainable.

HONGKONG'S MEETING.

We have been wondering whether your Public Meeting's indication to Treaty Ports applied to Swatow. Mention was made in the *Daily Press* of a hope that other ports would follow Hongkong's example of public discussion and pronouncement on the several issues with which we are at present faced. Your leading article of July 18th explained our position most adequately from the political and international angles and one is inclined to think that nothing more can usefully be said. We are left however with the question of striking employees, their pay and conditions of return to work and, as regard house servants (most of whom have been working very actively against us), whether we shall take them back at all. I hear that the Unions and the Strike Committee harbour the fantastic notion that we shall pay our servants full wages for the whole time they have absented themselves; they have in fact made loans and advances to servants on the security of such payments. I have no doubt that Swatow will be with me to a man, woman and child, when I say, quite vulgarly, "not a 'ope'."

THE SERVANT PROBLEM.

In the few private discussions that have been held two quite opposite opinions are noticeable. Some maintain that the treatment and engagement of servants, whether old or new, is a matter entirely for the individual. Others hold that unanimity of action when the strike is over is more desirable. When we are appreciably nearer the end of the strike it is hoped that a Public Meeting will be held to thrash out the matter thoroughly.

WATER CUT-OFF FROM SHIPS.

A particularly savage act was perpetrated on July 31st when the water supply to the many ships in harbour was cut off. The Chinese who own the water boats and supplies practically all the shipping needs was intimidated beyond all hope of resistance. Whether it is possible, with naval assistance, to raise and work the one despatch water boat left to us remains to be seen. It was sunk and badly battered in the recent typhoon and whether it will now "hold water" is doubtful. (I have since heard that the *Bluebell* has reported that this water boat is hopelessly derelict). In such manner do the Chinese treat their "guests." Our excuse for them is that they have been beguiled by the foul doctrines of Bolshevism, but does the excuse lessen the blame?

IN LIGHTS VEIN.

Another cricket match with the *Bluebell* proved a successful and pleasant diversion and enabled us to forget for a brief spell the somewhat deadly round of strike duties. We played on Sunday afternoon, 4 o'clock to 6.30, on a crumbling and sadly untended wicket. Winning the toss Swatow went in, but unfortunately not to bat. The first seven wickets contributed the handsome score of 21 and we were only saved from utter collapse and disgrace by a brilliant eighth wicket stand by Lambie and Mott who added 39 in about five minutes. Two singles by the last man and a couple of byes brought us to 64 all out, at which juncture we took a dish of tea under Macgowan's beautiful beherried bayanas. Enter the *Bluebell*, singing and dancing and doubtless full of that "we'll knock these off for the first wicket" feeling. Two singles and Sparks fell in the first over to a wily full toss. Oh! these left-handers, give 'em a few balls on the leg side and they think you're going to do it for ever. The second wicket was down at 10 and the third at 20 and when 35 for 5 was reached we had hopes of snatching a victory; but alas, Burns who went in first and had been batting very steadily began to score rapidly all round the wicket and it was not until the score had reached 52 that he was smartly run out. Desperately keen bowling and fielding resulted in 3 maidens and a single out of four overs, but one can't be desperate for long this weather and at last Agnew began to lash out, making the winning hit from a ferocious smack at a really good ball, which he lifted out of the ground. Good work *Bluebell*! though we shall take the covers off you next week-end in a two-day match we hope.

August 5th.

STRIKE FUNDS.

Nothing new to add. The Mayor of Swatow has been instructed by Canton to collect half a month's rent from the whole of Swatow (already the rent and taxes have been collected up to 1925) and pay the proceeds into the funds of the Strike Committee.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

[BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE (SIR HENRY GOLLAN).]

"A CRUEL MURDER."

The trial of the young Chinese charged with having participated in the murder of Abdul Khalik, an Indian constable at Hunghom on May 19th was continued before the Chief Justice at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The jury were: Messrs. F. E. d'Almada (foreman), F. O'D. Gourdin, F. E. Filmer, V. Goulburn, A. C. V. Toffe, Watt Lu Hung, and P. I. Newman.

Mr. H. K. Holmes (Crown Solicitor) prosecuted, whilst Mr. C. Addis defended.

STORY OF THE CHASE.

A police sergeant said that as soon as the Indian constable had told the story of the assault, witness and some Chinese constables left the Hunghom Police Station for the hillside. He had separated his men when he saw a man running up the hill. He gave chase, whereupon the fugitive turned round, and fired a revolver which he held in his hand. He (witness) returned the fire and the man again commenced to run. After covering a short distance he was seen to fall on his face and on seeing this the crowd of Hunghom villagers who were looking on shouted and gesticulated. Just then another man was seen running and some Chinese constables followed.

Continuing, the Sergeant said that he and his men got to about 15 yards from the place where prisoner was seen to have fallen, when he rose from the brushwood and again fired. A shot was returned by a Wei-Hai-Wei constable. Another constable then addressed prisoner in Chinese whereupon he threw down his revolver, and was arrested, and taken to the Hunghom Police Station. Witness identified the revolver produced as the one which was found in prisoner's possession that day.

PRISONER'S EVIDENCE.

Mok Chuen Chung, the prisoner, then went into the witness-box. He said that he lived in the country in the Tung Hun district. He left his home on May 13th and arrived in Hongkong from Canton on May 14th. He had left his native place because there was a scarcity of work there and he had come to Hongkong to seek work. He knew a man by the name of Lo Fun, a boiler-maker living in Hunghom. He, however, failed to find his friend although he went there several times. On May 19th he again proceeded from Yau-mat to Hunghom and when he was on the pathway on the hill-side he saw a police officer some distance away. As soon as the policeman saw him he fired at witness and so he ran away. Prisoner said that he had not gone very far when he was surrounded and captured. He had no firearm with him. The police hit him with a butt of a revolver and kicked him. He was then taken to a police station, and there again beaten. Questioned by his Counsel as to the first statement he had made and signed, stating that he would not have shot the constable had he known the laws of Hongkong, he stated that he was forced to make it. He also admitted that he had made the second statement only when he was forced to do so.

Cross-examined by Counsel for the prosecution, prisoner adhered to his story and denied that he had anything to do with the affair.

In reply to the foreman of the jury, prisoner stated that he came down from Canton by steamer.

The Foreman: If you were as you state, a stranger to the place, how could you know the pathway leading over the hills from Yau-mat to Hunghom?

Prisoner: I was told by people in my native place up country, that if I went along the path I would reach Hunghom.

Sub-Inspector Clat, Hunghom Police Station, was recalled, and in answer to Counsel for defence said that prisoner was not molested at all.

PROSECUTION AND DEFENCE.

Mr. Holmes addressing the jury said the prosecution submitted that deceased was murdered by two men, one of whom was the prisoner. An Indian constable had identified the prisoner as the man who attacked him with a knife while the other man snatched the revolver from his holster and shot him. Prisoner had asked in the box: "If I killed the constable why did I remain there and not clear off as I could have easily done?" The prosecution submitted that the two men well knew that the Indian had not been actually put out because traces of blood along the pathway proved that they had been followed a little way and they thought it better to lie low until darkness fell. Prisoner had admitted the ownership of the hat and a pair of shoes found on the hillside. Further the constable's revolver was found in his possession when he was caught.

Mr. Addis said the story briefly was that an Indian constable came into the Hunghom Police Station very badly wounded. Police officers were sent out, saw two men on the hills and eventually caught one of them. The defence claimed that the identification at the hospital was not entirely satisfactory. Dr. Valentine had stated that when the deceased was admitted to hospital he was found to be very badly wounded. Deceased had in this state walked previously for half-an-hour from the scene of the shooting to the Hung Hom Police Station. Morphine had been administered to him and Dr. Valentine had admitted that as he was suffering from shock and loss of blood his faculties would not be as clear as they would be normally. This man was roused from his stupor and asked to identify the man who attacked him and he pointed to the accused. He submitted that it was possible for deceased to have been mistaken. Continuing, Mr. Addis said that they had heard the story told by prisoner in the box. He would not expect them to accept the story in its entirety. It was true that the man was a stranger and had come from the country. He had passed the Indian constable a few times while he was on his way to Hunghom but he had not attacked him on those occasions. He submitted that the Indian constable had been mistaken in his identification of prisoner.

His Lordship's address to the jury lasted half an hour.

THE VERDICT.

The jury were away for about 20 minutes and on their return the foreman announced that the jury were unanimous in their verdict that prisoner was guilty of the crime of murder.

His Lordship addressing prisoner said: "Mok Chuen Chung, the jury have found you guilty of the crime preferred against you. The evidence against you was quite clear and I am fully in accord with the jury's verdict. You have been found guilty of taking part in a very cruel murder. This unfortunate constable had done nothing to you but simply because you wanted to get possession of his revolver you helped to murder him in this fashion."

His Lordship then donned the black cap and pronounced sentence of death. Prisoner heard it calmly and showed no signs of emotion.

[BEFORE THE JUSTICE (MR. JUSTICE WOOD).]

TUNGKING ROAD ROBBERY.

Wong Kam, Wong Lam, Luk Huen, Ho Kwai, and Tang Shun were charged before Mr. Justice Wood with having committed a robbery at Tungking Road, Yau-mat.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith prosecuted for the Crown.

Mr. de Berneds, a professor of Spanish, stated that he was havingiffin at the home of Mrs. Paula Rojas, in Tungking Road, one day during the strike, when five men entered the house, bound and gagged him and robbed him of his watch and \$40 in money.

Mrs. Rojas gave evidence that she cued the thieves and reaching the verandah, called for help.

The Chinese amah in the house also deposed to having been robbed of some money.

The first prisoner was discharged, while the four others were found guilty and each sentenced to five years' hard labour.

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F. C. HALL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 13th August, 1925. [2530]

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ALL Persons having any Claims against the Estate of the above Deceased, formerly of Kowloon, are Requested to Send the Same to the Undersigned by Not Later than WEDNESDAY Next, the 19th INSTANT.
Dated this 13th day of August, 1925.
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Principals, Building, Hongkong. [2542]

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, the 21st day of AUGUST, 1925, at 5.15 p.m. A DRAWING for the Redemption of Two Hundred (200) Debentures will be held in the Pavilion.
The Numbers of the Debentures Drawn will be published in the *Hongkong Government Gazette*, and the local Newspapers, and Holders of Drawn Debentures may upon giving Notice to the Treasurer within the Six Months' Notice to which they are entitled, apply on the 29th AUGUST, 1925, to the TREASURER, Messrs. PECKY SMITH, SCRU and FLEMING, for payment of the Principal and Interest to the 31st August, 1925.
By Order of the Committee,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Hon. Secretary. [2543]

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF
BOLSHEVISM.

LECTURE BY MR. C. J. B. HELLSTROM.
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Such Shareholders may accordingly take up the New Shares on or before the 15th day of SEPTEMBER, 1925, and may pay the First Instalment of \$30 per New Share on or before that Date. They will, however, be required to pay Interest at 6% per annum on the amount of such First Instalment from the 15th day of JULY, 1925, until the Date of Payment.
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This Notice will not affect those Shareholders who accept or have accepted the Original Offer and who make payment of the Dates originally fixed, i.e., as regards the First Instalment on or before the 15th JULY, 1925, and as regards the Second Instalment on or before the 15th OCTOBER, 1925.
By Order of the Board,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager. [2538]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
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PROBATE JURISDICTION.

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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the First Storage period of One Week.
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SIR JAMES JAMIESON.

The worst feature of the present deadlock, which has now lasted over two months, is that we know absolutely nothing about the measures which are being taken to bring it to an end. As far as we are aware, the Hongkong Government are equally in the dark. At any rate they have vouchsafed no information to the residents of the Colony and we naturally presume that had they any material information on the subject in their possession, they would immediately have made it public. As the members of the commercial community here are those who bear the whole burden of trade disorganization and shoulder the cost they have a right to know what is being done in their interests. So much, we believe, would be acknowledged. The assumption, therefore, is that either nothing at all is being done or that Hongkong is not being consulted regarding the negotiations which are in progress. In either case the position is profoundly unsatisfactory. In times of crisis such as the present, British Government officials should show some character and personality and rise above obsolete and absurd routine regulations when rigid adherence to them may prejudice British interests. We all know, of course, that officially the Consul-General at Canton is answerable only to Peking and the

Foreign Office. Broadly speaking he is answerable to the British people and British residents here are anxious to know what exactly he is doing, in Canton the centre of the disturbance, to settle the difficulties under which they are labouring. Quite frankly we are growing extremely tired of sitting down waiting until the clouds roll by. This perfectly simply policy can be continued too long and in order that we may restrain our impatience it is necessary for us to know that our representatives are leaving no stone unturned in the endeavour to bring about a speedy return to normal trade conditions.

We will give Sir James JAMIESON the credit for "having the situation well in hand." In acknowledging the tribute paid to him at the recent meeting at the Theatre Royal, he wrote "Perhaps I may be permitted to add that under existing arrangements the vital interests of Canton and Hongkong do not suffer to the extent which is generally supposed."

The vital interests of Hongkong, which are trade interests, are suffering and under existing arrangements, Sir JAMES JAMIESON is presumably reporting regularly on the subject to Peking. We now wish him to take us into his confidence in the same way as we understand he takes the residents of Shameen into his confidence in the interesting and useful informal addresses he gives, daily at the Club. A lot of fudge and nonsense was talked in the olden times of the harmful effects of publicity upon delicate negotiations, but no one believes in these theories now. A little more publicity will not hurt our cause and, above all, we wish to know what is the present position and what hope there may be for the future.

Since the attack on Shameen and the dispatch of the Notes relating to the occurrence to Peking we have heard nothing. We have a vague idea that Notes are still being exchanged between official bodies but it is an idea only and, in any case, judging by results so far achieved, this polite correspondence may be maintained indefinitely without affecting us in the slightest degree. Surely a plan of action somewhat more strenuous than this might be adopted. Canton is a Treaty Port and we presume that, in theory at any rate, foreign residents on Shameen still have a perfect right to walk through the City. Even if it might not be polite for private individuals to mix too freely with the Chinese there during the present disturbed state of popular feeling, we take it that safe access to officials would be guaranteed to our Consular representative. From our reading of history, we imagine that Sir HARRY PARKES, in similar circumstances, would not have been slow to avail himself of the opportunities such intercourse afforded of coming to a right understanding of the situation. Possibly Sir JAMES JAMIESON has been maintaining contact with the heads of the Kuomintang Government in this way. If so we would like to hear the result of the interviews. We do not ask out of idle curiosity but as a plain, business precaution in order that we may form a sound judgment upon what lies ahead and make our plans accordingly. If there have been no interviews of this nature we would suggest that they be arranged without delay. Sir HARRY PARKES would not have considered them derogatory to his dignity. On the contrary he would have secured substantial advantage from them. Sir JAMES JAMIESON might do likewise and very greatly enhance his already considerable reputation. Certainly the interviews could do no possible harm. They would be of the greatest value even if they did no more than give us an accurate idea of Canton's objective and point of view. We are now drifting aimlessly, and any change, however it might be brought about, would be an improvement on this position.

Mrs. A. W. Smith left yesterday for Chefoo.

The return of notifiable diseases in the Colony for the 24 hours ended on August 12th, shows 1 Chinese case of enteric fever.

A petition is to be addressed to the Government asking for the temporary suspension of the 15 per cent. increase in rents, according to the *Wah Kiu Yee Po*.

The Trade Maintenance Bureau closed its offices at the City Hall yesterday. This organisation, which was conducted by Mr. Ho Kwong, has done much good work in helping the commerce of the port out of the stagnant state into which it was thrown.

There were no funeral arrangements in Hongkong for the late Mr. J. E. Featherston, whose death was reported in the *Daily Press* yesterday. It having been decided to have the remains cremated and sent to Canada for interment at the deceased's native place.

Probate has just been granted by the Chief Justice of the will of the late Chau Luk, widow, of No. 43, Gough Street, who left estate valued at \$65,500. She leaves all her estate to Chau Lu Nam (son), Chau Lau (daughter), Chau Ngau (son of Chau Ng Shi), Chau So (son), Chau Wing (son of Chau Fuk), and Chau A Ka (son of Chau Lu Nam) in equal shares.

There is no material change in the local strike situation. Absentees continue to drift back in small numbers day by day, but the majority of course, are still at Canton. All essential services are being adequately and efficiently maintained and there is plenty of casual labour to be obtained if wanted. Sanitation work is also being carried out satisfactorily both on the Hongkong and Kowloon sides.

Fourteen new fire alarm call boxes are on their way out to the Colony from Home. At present the Colony is equipped with eleven of these "break-the-glass and pull-the-handle" boxes. Each of these alarms communicates with the Central Fire Station and rings an alarm bell there, at the same time indicating the locality of the outbreak. The outlying districts will have the benefit of these new alarms.

As will be seen from our advertisement columns, Mr. C. J. B. Hellstrom has promised to address a public meeting in the City Hall Buildings on Monday next on the subject of Bolshevism in Russia and Canton. Mr. Hellstrom was on the staff of the Swedish Legation in Moscow from 1916 to 1918, and can speak from personal experience. His address, therefore, should be well worth hearing. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard will take the chair at 8.15 and will be supported by Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Lieut. Commander G. F. Hoie, R.N., Tan So and Leung Hoi, both *fukis* on passenger boats, and Li Mui, a passenger boat mistress, were each fined \$10, or in default ten days' hard labour, for making fast their passenger boats to the *Kut Sing* while under way on August 12th, without the permission of the master of the *Kut Sing* or the officer in charge. At the same Court sixteen boat-people were fined \$5 each, or in default five days' hard labour, for mooring their boats inshore, at a distance of less than 100 yards from low water mark.

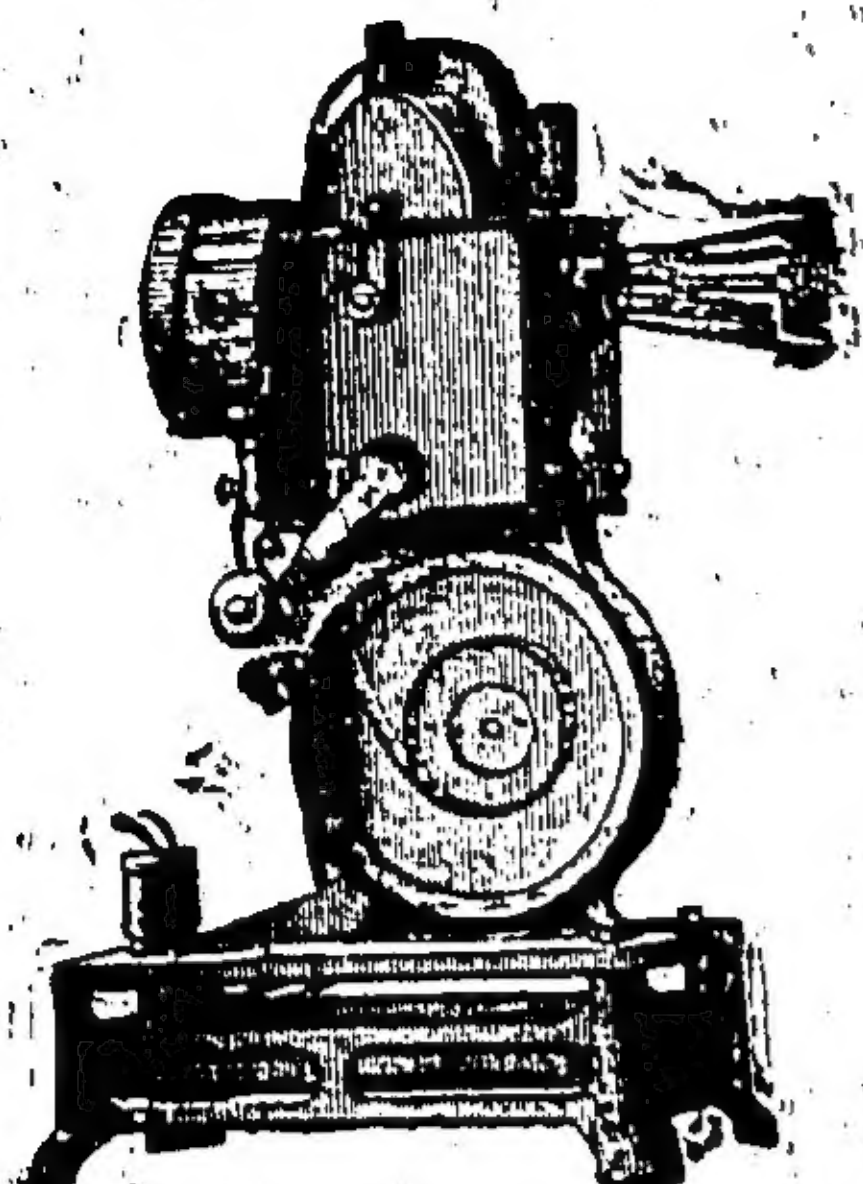
It would seem that the mail *via* Siberia is not safe from being tampered with while it is passing through Soviet hands, and the outward appearance of letters, etc., arriving in Shanghai *via* Siberia point to this having been done in more than one instance. In some cases the envelope has been deliberately cut through, and afterwards patched up. So far as the mail arriving in Hongkong is concerned, however, there has so far been no tampering with it. The seals and the contents have been found intact up to the present and no complaints have yet been received with regard to outward mails, which have arrived at their destination with seals intact also.

THE TWO GOVERNORS.

If it is not known yet in official circles when Mr. Cecil Clementi, Hongkong's new Governor will be arriving here, Mr. Clementi has been three years in Ceylon and it is not known whether he will proceed Home on vacation prior to coming to Hongkong or not. It is probable that Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G., will remain in Hongkong for a while yet, at any rate until the end of the present situation is in sight. An enquiry made by the *Daily Press* yesterday with respect to these matters resulted only in the information that no word had yet been received as to when the new Governor will arrive or when our present Governor will leave here. Leave is due to Sir Edward Stubbs, and it is most probable that he will go Home before assuming his new duties in Jamaica.

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Prince Chichibu, the second son of the Mikado, who arrived at Victoria Station shortly before 7.30 p.m. on July 7th, was welcomed by the Duke of York on behalf of the King and Queen, and by the Right Hon. Austen Chamberlain on behalf of the Government and the Foreign Office.

The Prince, who will remain in England for about two years, left for Kingston Hill amid the cheers of a number of Japanese on the platform.

The Prince who was attended by his personal suite, travelled overland from Marseilles, where he was met by Baron Hayashi, the late Japanese Ambassador in London, who travelled with him to Victoria. Prince Chichibu, who is tall for a Japanese and is a handsome young fellow, was dressed in European style in a lounge suit of light grey. Some hundreds of his fellow-countrymen were on the platform to welcome him, including the personnel of the Japanese Embassy and the Japanese Consulate. The Duke of York, who came to town specially to meet him, attended by Lieut. Colin Blunt, wore morning dress and silk hat, as also did the Foreign Secretary and most of the other members of the reception party.

As the Japanese Prince stepped from his saloon, the Duke of York and Mr. Chamberlain went forward to greet him, and the former, in a few cordial words, bade him welcome in the name of the King and Queen. The Foreign Secretary added his welcome and that of the Government, and both expressed the hope that Prince Chichibu would find his stay in England very pleasant.

The Mikado's second son is residing at Keny House, Kingston Hill, with Major-General Drummond, between Richmond Park and Wimbledon Common, and is therefore at no great distance from White Lodge, the residence of the Duke and Duchess of York. During his stay in England he will have for tutor Dr. G. R. Owst, M.A. (Cambs.). The Prince attained his majority three years ago, and has graduated from the Military Academy of Tokyo. He is a lieutenant in the Japanese army, and is attached to the Imperial Guard Division.

PLUMES THAT SPELL PAIN. HOW DEALERS CIRCUMVENT A HUMANITARIAN ACT.

Despite the fact that Parliament, in an effort to save beautiful birds from extinction, has prohibited the importation of certain plumes and feathers, they are still coming into the United Kingdom.

Lord Buxton, chairman of the Advisory Committee under the Importation of Plumage Act, points out that the measure was passed in April, 1922.

It banned beautiful ornaments—beautiful but involving much slaughter—like the osprey plumes from the egret, and the plumage of the bird of paradise, grebe, kingfisher, marabou, and argus.

Exactly how these forbidden plumes get through our customs barriers is a mystery, but the reason why they come is that women will have them (writes a representative of *The Evening News*).

SHE DOESN'T KNOW.

"It is very doubtful," said a trader, "if one woman in a hundred has ever heard of the Plumage Act."

"It is no offence, of course, to wear the feathers; only their importation is forbidden. A woman just sees a beautiful plume, and if she can afford it she has it."

Lord Buxton stated, in an interview recently, that because sometimes the forbidden plumes came in made up with other plumage which is not forbidden, it was not easy to detect the deception.

"But the truth is," he said, "that forbidden plumes are being smuggled in."

WIPING OUT BIRDS.

"These ornaments, no doubt, look very attractive to women in hats and on fans, but by wearing them women encourage their illegal importation, and, of course, become a party to the slaughter of the birds."

"In the case of the egret, its plumes only grow in the breeding season, and to kill it then—as it is killed—means leaving the young ones to die."

"People forget these things, and one wishes merely to draw attention as widely as possible to the fact that the importation of the plumage of these particular birds is forbidden for humanitarian reasons, and ought not to be encouraged."

"Obviously, if there was no sale for the plumage it would not be imported, or smuggled, one ought to say, and a little more would be done to protect these beautiful creatures from destruction for purposes of ornament."

"EGGS."

For a long time the Customs authorities have sought to stop these illegal importations, and a little while ago a forger was detected in an attempt to get through the Customs a crate of "eggs," which on examination was found to contain forbidden plumes.

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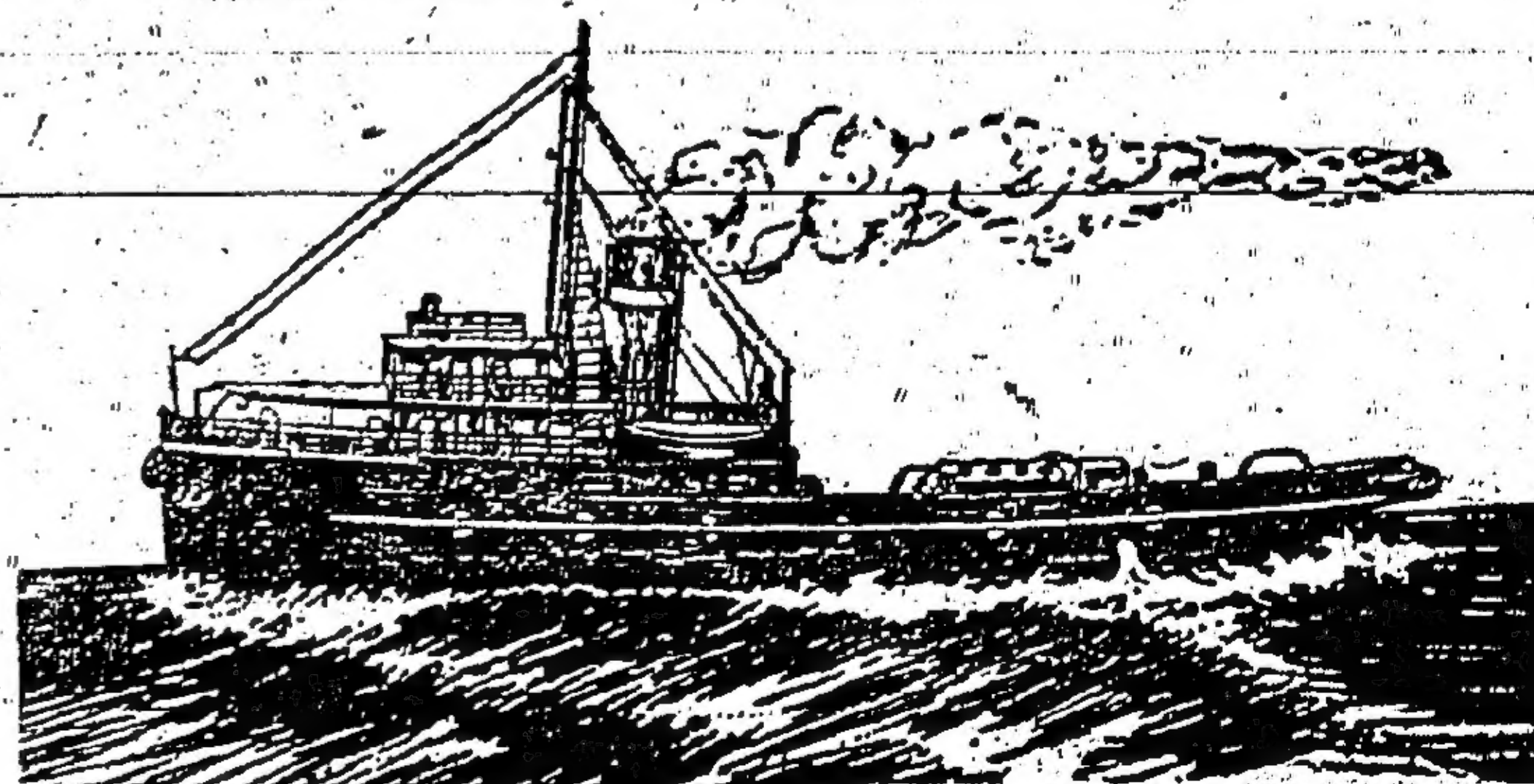
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